GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF POWER PLANTS ON CANALS
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has issued any notification for providing financial assistance to Sikkim, Central Himalaya, Laddakh, Andaman and Nicobar and other areas that have been notified as hilly region ;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to make amendments in the notification of the Ministry for providing assistance for setting up hydro power plants on canals ;

(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be amended ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Question does not arise.

(d): The notification pertains to providing capital subsidy for small hydro projects (SHP) implemented by the State Governments/ Agencies in the specified areas only. SHP projects on canal drops are by comparison more economically viable and are therefore provided with only interest subsidy. The Ministry is encouraging commercial development in this sector and the States have been asked to announce policies for inviting private sector to set up commercial projects including those on canal drops. Other incentives for Survey & Investigation and Detailed Project Report Preparation are, however, available for canal-based projects as well.